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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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The Honorable Peter J. Roskam Member, United States House of Representatives

ATTN: (5) (6)
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Dear Mr. Roskam:

This is in final response to your facsimile of July 15, 2010 from Mr. (5) (6) concerning his desire to reenlist in the United States Navy.

Applicants desiring Navy enlistment are required to disclose all preservice criminal involvement, including juvenile offenses, regardless of age or final disposition, whether the record has been sealed, expunged, or dismissed. Applicants are given the opportunity to practice free and full disclosure throughout the enlistment process. A charge dismissed or expunged after punishment, court mandated treatment, or other diversion program is completed, is considered to be adverse adjudication, and applicants are required to disclose these charges.

Additionally, the Navy has certain restrictions regarding the enlistment of individuals with civil records. Consequently, such applicants are carefully screened and only applications of those individuals who are considered exceptionally well qualified are forwarded to higher authorities for enlistment authorization.

For your and your constituent's information, individuals who have been convicted of an alcohol-related offense must be considered under guidelines for processing applicants with past civil convictions. Applicants with a "Behind the Wheel" (BTW) conviction must wait a mandatory period of one year from the date of the original offense before enlistment processing may begin. The mandatory waiting period is not waiverable.

We have been advised by Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Chicago that Mr. (b) (6) Police Record Checks (PRCs) revealed an undisclosed BTW charge. Although disposition of the charge after adjudication changed it to a lesser charge, it is still classified as a BTW conviction and Mr. (b) (6) must wait the mandatory period of one year from the date of the original offense before enlistment processing may begin.

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Finally, due to recent successes in retention, decreased attrition, and planned reductions in end strength, recruiting goals for the Navy have been reduced. In addition, there are a large number of highly qualified applicants applying for a limited number of vacancies. This affects not only non-prior service, but Navy Veterans (NAVETs) as well.

Thank you for bringing your constituent's concerns to our attention and for Mr. Finizio's interest in pursuing reenlistment in the Navy.

Sincerely,



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